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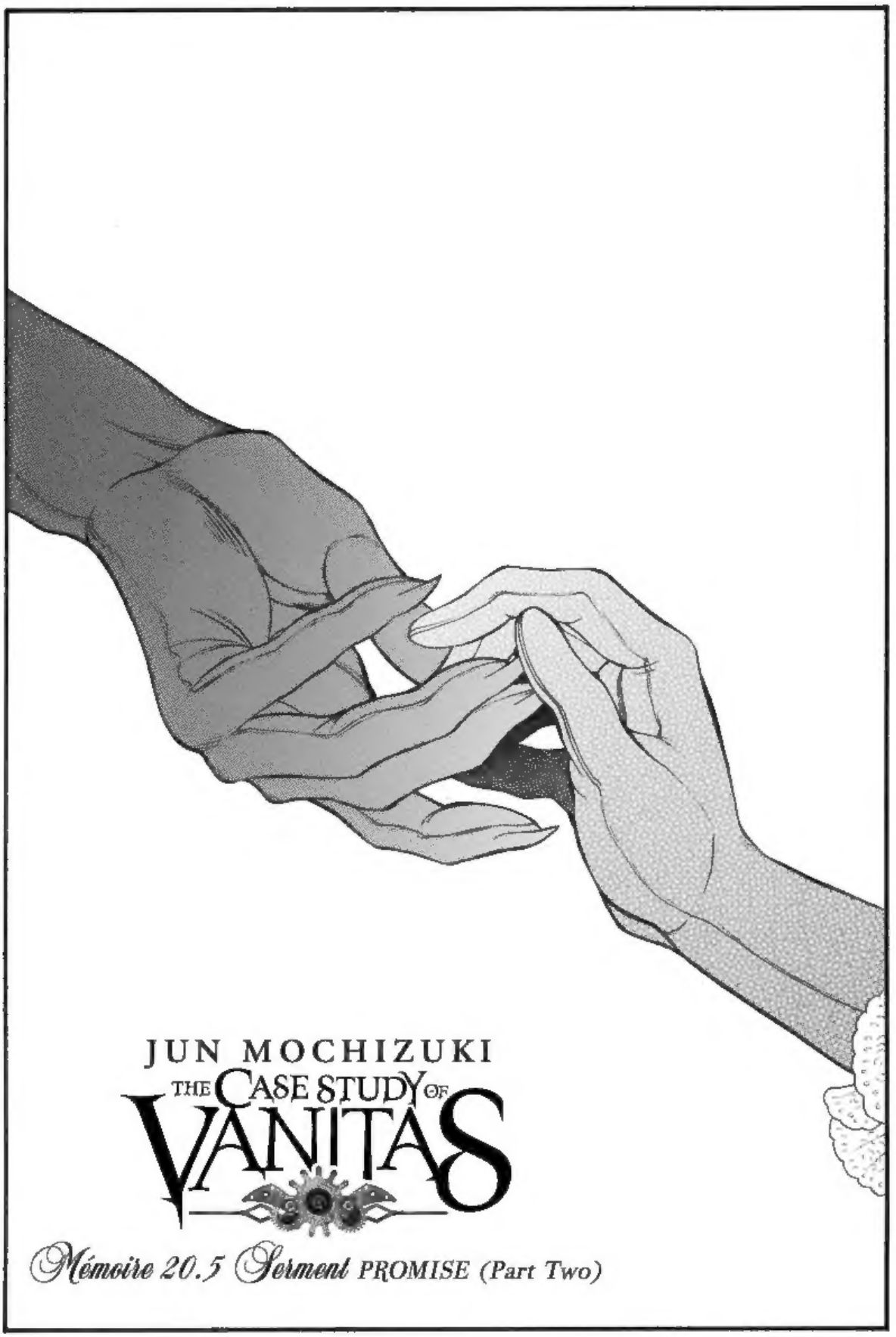

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WHY?
I HATED HIM SO MUCH. I REALLY COULDN'T STAND HIM. AND YET...
RIGHT NOW...
...MY HEART...
...IS RACING...

HUH !?
BOTO (CLICK)
ボト
...JEANNE, THE HELLFIRE WITCH!?
THAT'S THE QUACK, AND...
DON (WHUMP)
ドン
WHOA, HOLD IT! WHAT THE HECK!? WHAT'S UP WITH THAT!?
...
GOSHI (RUB)
GOSHI
GOSHI

GEH!
DOMI-NIQUE DE SADE!?
UH, LADY.
HUHN?
OH... A DHAM, HM?
!!

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? I'M TAILING THEM.
WHAT'RE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
I'M SORRY, BUT I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR YOU RIGHT NOW!
SHI (SHOO)
SHI
FOR REAL?
SO THAT'S WHY...
GRR.

SINCE I PUT THE IDEA INTO HER HEAD, I HAVE A DUTY TO SEE THIS DATE THROUGH!
I NEVER DREAMED THAT JEANNE WOULD ACTUALLY MAKE A MOVE.

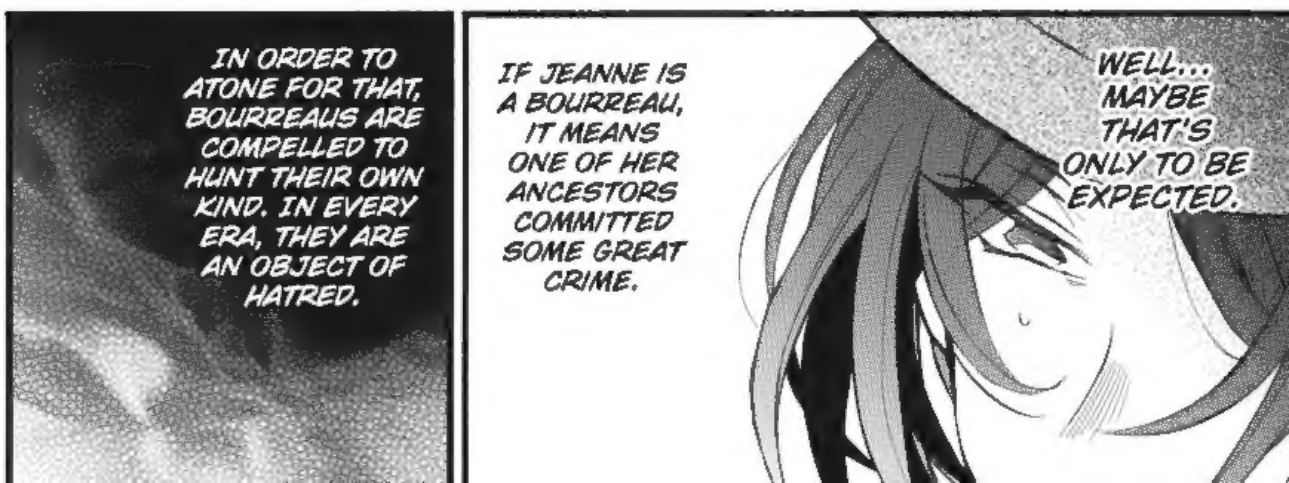
AH!
HUH?
VANITAS, YOU LOUSE, IF YOU TRY ANYTHING FUNNY WITH MY JEANNE, I'LL MAKE YOU PAY FOR IT.
ぐおおお
GUOOOO (HWOOOO)
SU (SSK)
DETAILS, PLEASE.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "MY JEANNE"?
JEANNE!? WHY DID YOU STOP...
LOOK OUT!!
GUI (YANK)
LIFT

...ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
JEANNE...

WERE YOU LOOKING AT THE AIRSHIP?
I'M SORRY! I...
BURORO (BRMMM)
SAAA (PALE)
I...
YES... THERE AREN'T MANY CHANCES TO SEE THOSE IN THE OTHER WORLD, SO...
MOGO (MUMBLE)
MOGO
...I JUST...

BE CAREFUL. ALL RIGHT?
IT'S FINE. JUST AS LONG AS YOU'RE NOT HURT.
PON (PAT)

TOKUN (BADMP)
HUH ...?
...COULD JEANNE ACTUALLY BE KIND OF A PUSHOVER?
I HAD A SUSPICION, BUT...
WHAT. IS. THIS.
GEEERO (BLARGH)


IN ORDER TO ATONE FOR THAT, BOURREAUS ARE COMPELLED TO HUNT THEIR OWN KIND. IN EVERY ERA, THEY ARE AN OBJECT OF HATRED.
IF JEANNE IS A BOURREAU, IT MEANS ONE OF HER ANCESTORS COMMITTED SOME GREAT CRIME.
WELL... MAYBE THAT'S ONLY TO BE EXPECTED.

...IS TERRIBLY WEAK AGAINST ANY KIND OF KINDNESS!!
IN OTHER WORDS, THE "HELLFIRE WITCH" OVER THERE...

ARE YOU STUPID?
WHAT, SERIOUSLY? WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE?
LEAVE ME ALONE ...
HOLDING IT IN GOT TOO HARD.
WELL, YOU SEE, THIS AND THAT HAPPENED, ETCETERA ...
...SO, I'M JUST GONNA ASK— WHAT BROUGHT THIS ON?
.....
AAH...

MY PARASOL! I WANT TO USE MY PARASOL!
BUT YOU'LL GET DISTRACTED RIGHT AWA...
I'D LIKE YOU TO LET GO OF MY...
...HAND.
VANITAS, UM...
HM?
UP UNTIL NOW, HE WAS ARROGANT AND SELFISH! WHAT HAPPENED!?
GURU
GURU
GURU
GURU (SPIN)
WHAT!? WHAT, WHAT!? WHAT IS THIS!?
SNRK!
HFF!
HFF!
WELL? IS THERE SOMEWHERE IN PARTICULAR YOU WANT TO GO?
!
TOKUN (BADMP)
IT'S... DRIVING ME CRAZY.
THIS IS...
THIS IS JUST...

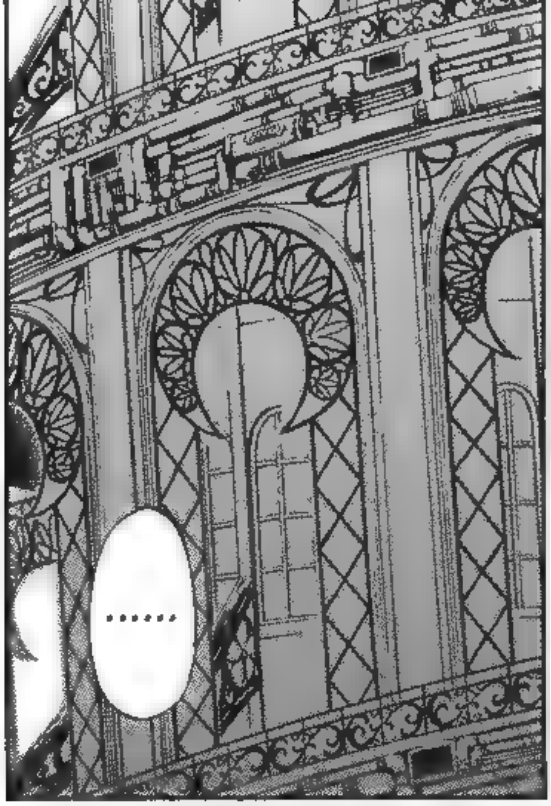
? THIS ISN'T YOUR FIRST TIME IN PARIS, IS IT?
...SINCE I'M HERE, I'D LIKE TO LOOK AROUND PARIS.
BUT ...
I DIDN'T HAVE ANYWHERE SPECIFIC IN MIND.
...
IN THAT CASE ...
...AND I'M NOT ALLOWED TO ENJOY THE SCENERY.
WHEN I'M WITH MASTER LUCA, I ALWAYS KEEP A WARY EYE ON WHAT'S AROUND US...
NO... BUT...
...YOU'LL HAVE TO ENJOY IT TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT TODAY!

THE PALAIS GARNIER.
IT'S AN OPERA HOUSE.
VANITAS, WHAT'S THAT!?
AND THAT!?
A DEPARTMENT STORE.
AND THAT!?
THE ARC DE TRIOMPHE DE L'ÉTOILE.
THOSE ARE JUST CATS.
CALM DOWN.
MEW.
AND THAT !?

OH-HO.
KYA
KYA (SQUEAL)
FU (PFT)
THE WHALE IS SWIMMING AGAIN TODAY, I SEE.
EVEN IF THEY'RE BOTH PARIS, THE ATMOSPHERE HERE IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE IN ALTUS.
AAAAAAH.
AAAAAAH
THAT'S AMAZING!
CHIKA (DAZZLE)
CHIKA
U FU FU!
AH HA HA HA!
THIS IS FUN !!
AH HA HA!

SO... THIS IS JUST A DATE. MIND IF I GO HOME?
I'M BORED NOW
MAAAAN...
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! YOU'VE COME THIS FAR, SO STAY WITH ME UNTIL THE END!
WHERE'S THE SENSE IN HAVING FUN!!!?
JEANNE, DO YOU WANT A CREPE?
YES !!
THIS DATE! IS MEANT! TO SEVER MY TIES WITH VANITAS!!
DON'T FORGET YOUR REAL OBJECTIVE, JEANNE!
AAAAAH!

IT'S A GREAT VIEW, ISN'T IT? MONTMARTRE IS THE HIGHEST HILL IN PARIS.
"THE TOWER OF THE SUN."
THAT TOWER ...
HM? OH...
THEY'LL BE HOLDING AN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION IN PARIS SOON, AND THAT'LL THE LARGEST EXHIBIT.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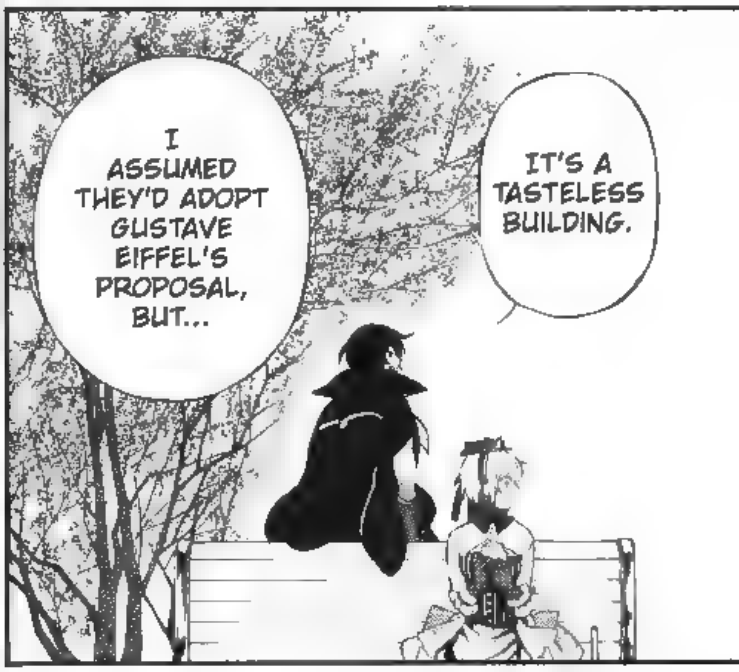

I ASSUMED THEY'D ADOPT GUSTAVE EIFFEL'S PROPOSAL, BUT...
IT'S A TASTELESS BUILDING.

IT'S JUST LIKE... THE TOWER OF BABEL.

NIKO (SMILE)
I=
=

BATHROOM.
? WHERE ARE YOU...?
ALL RIGHT. WAIT HERE FOR A MINUTE, JEANNE.
YOUR "ANSWER"!
WHEN I GET BACK, I WANT TO HEAR IT PROPERLY —
PRAC-TICE!
I'D BETTER PRACTICE !!
MOGU (CHEW) MOGU
IF I CAN COMMUNICATE MY FULL "AFFECTION" FOR HIM...!
THAT'S RIGHT.
THIS IS ALMOST OVER.
I WANT YOU TO LET ME DETERMINE...
...WHETHER I CAN TRULY CALL THESE FEELINGS "LOVE"!!

I SAW MANY SIDES OF YOU I'D NEVER SEEN BEFORE...
I HAD A LOT OF FUN TODAY.
...AND IT MADE ME HAPPY.
... VANITAS.
THAT STRAY MOMENT, WHEN HIS EYES LOOKED AS IF THEY WERE GAZING AT SOMETHING FARAWAY...
I WANT TO KNOW SO MUCH MORE ABOUT YOU.
I WONDER WHAT HE WAS REALLY THINKING.
I...
I REALLY DO...
I KNEW IT.

KYU (SQUEEZE)
キュッ
Li...
Li...
...
LIKE ...
... YOU.
KAAAAAAA (BLUSH)
あああああ
あああ

I LIKE YOU TOO. ♡
YEEEEEEEEK!!?
WHAT!? WHY AM I SO EMBAR. RASSED!?
BUT I SAID IT AS IF IT WAS NOTHING EARLIER!
HUH!?
IT APPEARS THAT I'VE...
...BEGUN TO LIKE YOU!
WHY!?

HMM?
NO!! NO, NO, THAT'S NOT IT!!
YOU'RE NOT REACTING RIGHT!!
HUH?
MY, BUT THAT MAKES ME HAPPY. TO THINK I'D GET TO HEAR YOUR TRUE FEELINGS THIS WAY.
!!!
IMMEDIATELY CIRCLED AROUND BEHIND HER
HUH!!?
VA—!

SFX: KORO (ROLL) KORO KORO KORO
WANT A BONBON, LADY DOMINIQUE ?
WHEE!
SURE.
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO GAZE AT ME SCORNFULLY THERE, AS IF YOU'RE LOOKING AT A BEETLE!!
AH HA
COME, COME, WHAT A THING TO SAY AT A TIME LIKE THIS, MON LAPIN.
IS THAT THE SORT OF THING YOU LIKE?
HA! HA HA
ARE YOU OKAY ?
ARE
AW
AGH!
OOTA (WHUMP)
...?
JEANNE?
HFF

EEP!
...?
WHAT'S WRONG?

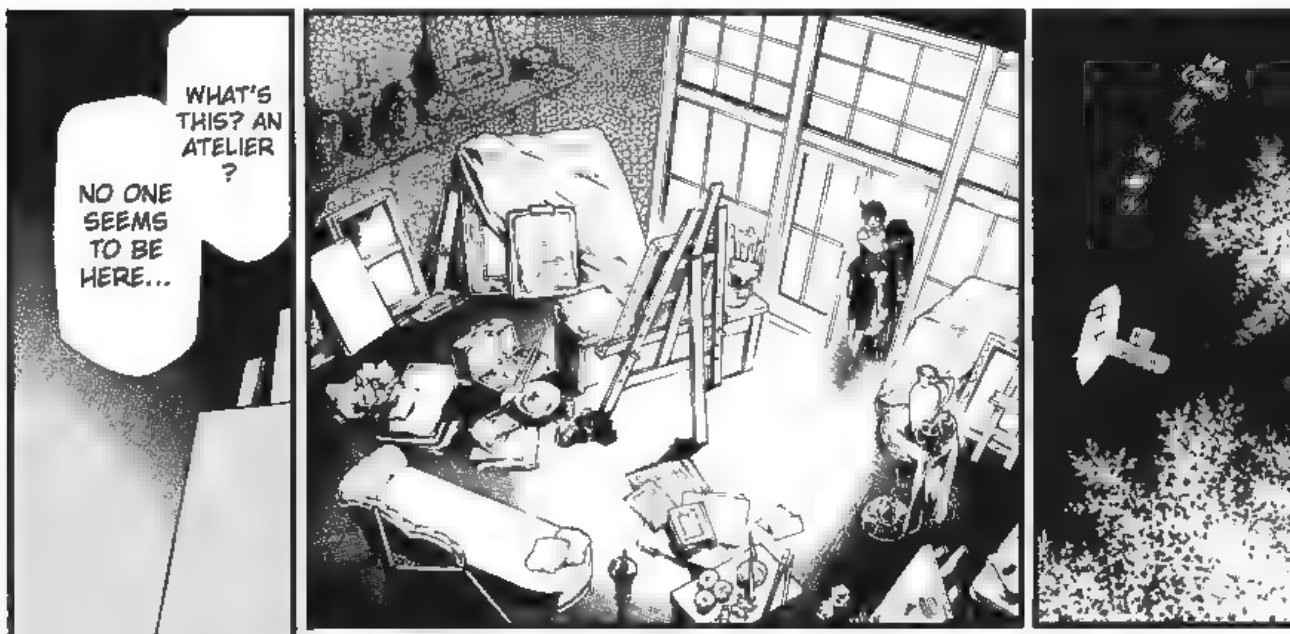
...
RED
...
HER EYES ARE...

TCH!
THAT'S A VAMPIRE!
VA...
VAMPIRE!!

GA
(CHOKE)
CALM DOWN...
...JEANNE.

QUACK! GO NOW!
A SMOKE SCREEN ?
KYAA (EEEK)
! DANTE!
KYAA
BOM (BOOM?)

YOU OWE ME ONE!

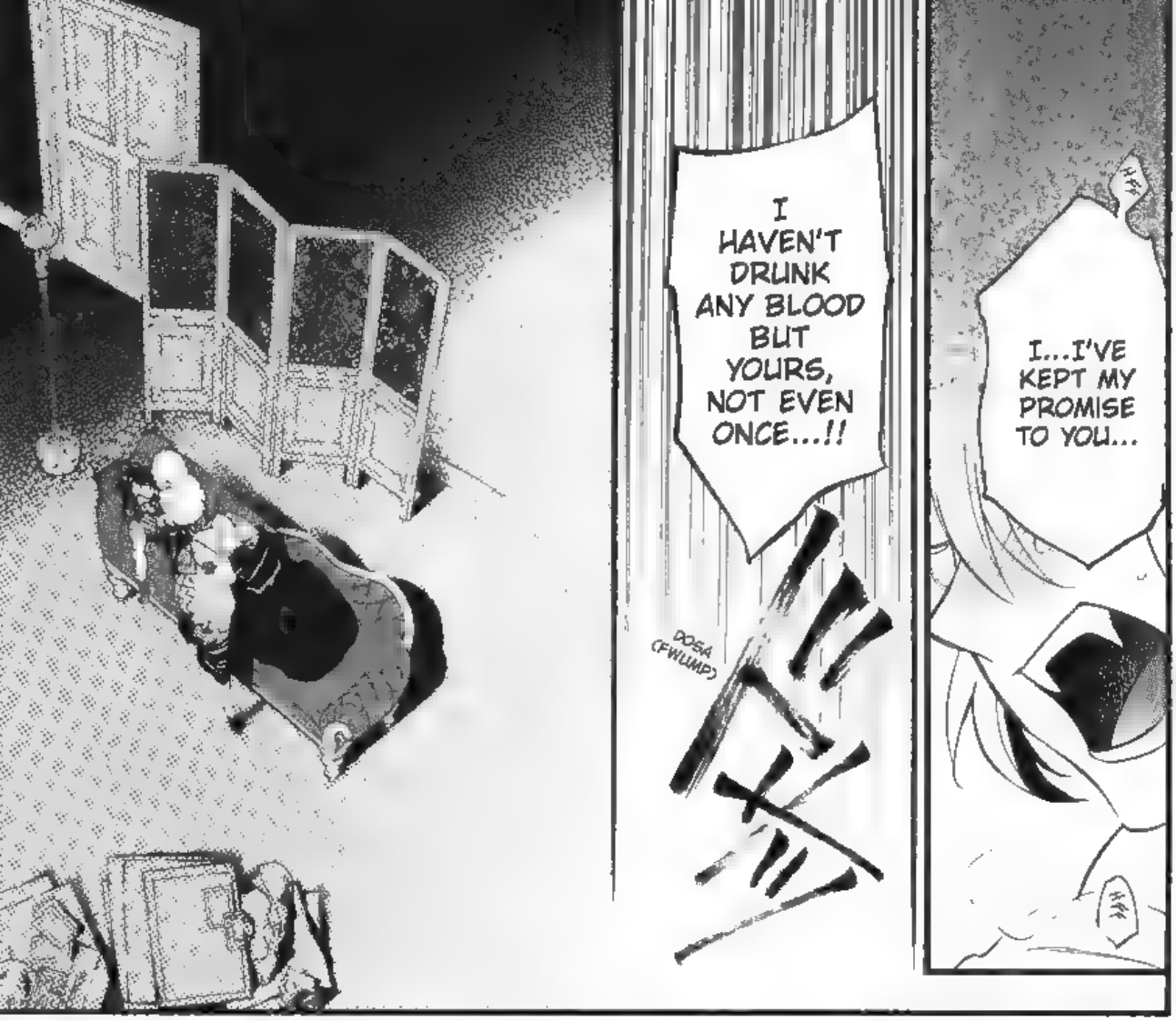

WHAT'S THIS? AN ATELIER ?
NO ONE SEEMS TO BE HERE...

JEAN
—
PERO (LICK)
PERFECT.
LET'S WAIT HERE UNTIL YOU CALM DOWN.
HFF
PERO (LICK)
PERO
I ASKED YOU ONCE BEFORE.
...
KUCHA (SMAK)
PERO
PERO
PERO

OR ARE YOU JUST ADDICTED TO BLOOD?
... JEANNE?
ARE YOU A CURSE-BEARER...
...?
I...
HAVE YOU FELT ANYTHING ELSE UNUSUAL, PHYSICALLY, BESIDES THE URGE TO DRINK BLOOD?
HAVE YOU SEEN "CHARLATAN" ?
...?
?
I...
I'M...

—HAS SOME-ONE...
.....
.....
...FORBIDDEN YOU TO SPEAK ABOUT THAT?
...JEANNE.
SWEAR...

GHAK!
DOK-N BADIAP)
HAH...
DOKUN
SWEAR.
...
...!
I CAN'T... BREATHE ...
!?
I'M SO... DESPER-ATELY... THIRSTY...
BLOOD... PLEASE, VANITAS...
VANI ...
... TAS ...

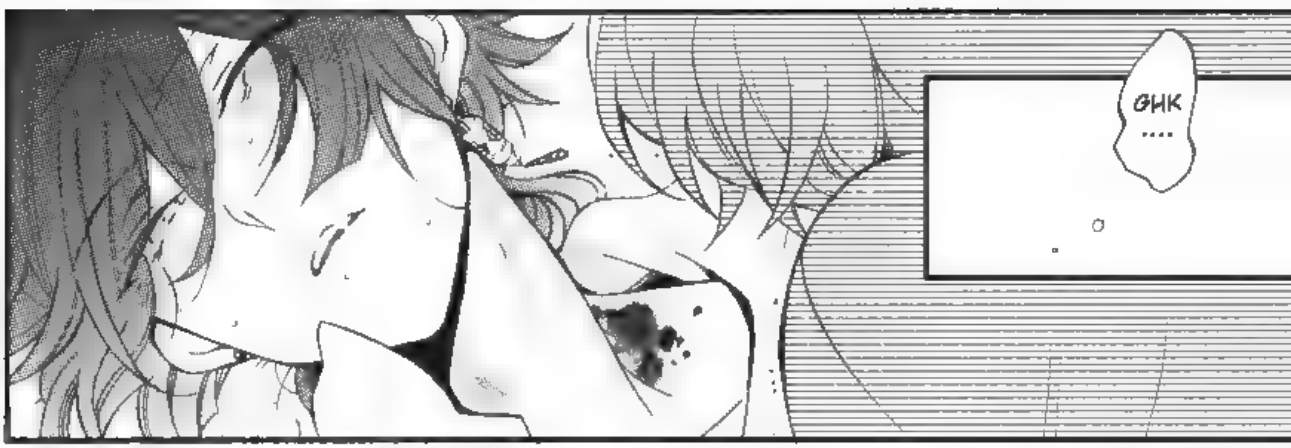

I...I'VE KEPT MY PROMISE TO YOU...
HFF
I HAVEN'T DRUNK ANY BLOOD BUT YOURS, NOT EVEN ONCE...!!
DOSA (FWUMP)
HFF

HFF
HFF
SHURU (SLIP)

I SEE. WELL, THEN.
HEH..
I'D BETTER REWARD YOU, HADN'T I?
JYURI (STARD)
JYURI (STARD)
JYURI (STARD)

...!
SWEET...
NU
DELI-
CIOUS
...
IT'S
FILLING
ME.
HFF
AH.
MORE.
MORE.
MORE.
HFF
J...
JEANNE
GU
(GRIP)
MORE.
HFF
JEA
...
ZU
(BITE)
MORE.
HFF
MORE.

MORE!!


GHK
....

IF I...
IF I... LOSE MYSELF...
IF I KEEP... GETTING STRANGER...
WHAT... WILL I DO...?
PORO (PLIP)
PORO

IF I HURT MASTER LUCA SOMEDAY ...
WHAT WILL I DO!?
BIKU (FLINCH)
JEANNE.
AS THINGS STAND ...
...SINCE I DON'T KNOW WHETHER YOU'RE A CURSE-BEARER OR NOT, I CAN'T CASUALLY SAY "I'LL HEAL YOU."
BUT.
SINCE THAT'S SO...
...I'LL PROMISE YOU THIS—

IF THAT TIME COMES, I'LL KILL YOU.

I PROMISE ...
...I'LL KILL YOU.

I'M THE ONE WHO'LL MAKE YOUR WISHES COME TRUE.

IT HAS TO BE ME.

...THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

EVEN THOUGH YOU DIDN'T KEEP YOUR PROMISE TO ME?
— PROMISE ?

LET'S STOP LOOKING, ALL RIGHT?
I THINK THEY MADE A CLEAN GETAWAY.
BUT... JEANNE WAS ACTING STRANGE.

NAH. THEY'RE NOT THERE.
WELL? DID YOU FIND THEM?

IT'D BE REAL CONVENIENT *FOR YOU* IF THOSE TWO GOT TOGETHER, WOULDN'T IT?

SAY...
WHY DO YOU CARE SO MUCH ABOUT THE HELLFIRE WITCH?

DOTA (WHUMP)

DON (WHUD)
!

WHA...

AN ARTIFICIAL HAND?
SO...
YESS...
WHAT'RE YOU DOING, LADY DOMINIQUE?
I'M GOING ON AHEAD.
WHOSE FAULT DO YOU THINK THAT WAS!?
I'M SORRY. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

...DOMINIQUE.
...YOUR NAME IS ...

HUH ...?
JUST LIKE HIS.
MY NAME.
THAT'S MY NAME.
BLUE EYES ...
THEY'RE THE SAME.
MIKHAIL!

TO BE CONTINUED...

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